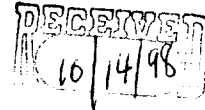




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Dr. Elizabeth Yetley
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Division of Programs and Enforcement Policy
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Dear Dr. Yetley:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the requirements of Section 403(r)(6)(21 U.S.C. 343(r)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of statements of nutritional support which have been made on the label and/or in the labeling in connection with the marketing of the dietary supplement ALPHA-LIPOIC ACID 50mg. ALPHA-LIPOIC ACID 50mg was first marketed with these statements of nutritional support on Wednesday, August 12, 1998. The statements of nutritional support are as follows:

"Fat & Water Soluble – can be used throughout the BODY"
"Strengthens the effects of E & C Vitamins"
"Essential in ENERGY production"
" Helps regulate metabolism of blood/sugar levels"

Very truly yours,

MASON VITAMINS, INC.

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